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EB FOR BOSWORTH

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TAGS: ENRG, JA, US

SUBJECT: US POLICY ON DOMESTIC OIL AND GAS PRODUCTION

1. KINOSHITA, DIRECTOR, INTERNATIONAL RESOURCES DIVISION, MITI'S
AGENCY

FOR NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, HAS TWICE IN PAST WEEK INQUIRED
ABOUT

STATEMENTS BY PRESIDENT CARTER REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF US DOMESTIC
RESERVES OF OIL AND GAS. THE FIRST STATEMENT WHICH KINOSHITA INQUIRED
ABOUT WAS IN A USIS WIRELESS EXCERPT FROM THE ENERGY SEMINAR AT
CHARLESTOWN, WEST VIRGINIA. THE SECOND WAS THE WIRELESS BULLETIN
REPORT

ON THE PRESIDENT'S REMARKS TO THE NEWSPAPER EDITORS AND RADIO
TELEVISION NEWS DIRECTORS IN WASHINGTON, MARCH 25 (PAGE 2):

"I PERSONALLY AM NOT IN FAVOR OF A VERY EXPENSIVE, CRASH
PROGRAM TO EXTRACT FROM OUR OWN RESOURCES ADDITIONAL RATES
OF PRODUCTION OF NATURAL GAS AND OIL. I THINK PROBABLY
ONE OF THE BEST INVESTMENTS WE CAN MAKE IS TO KEEP OIL AND
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GAS IN THE GROUND AND QUIT WASTING WHAT IS PRODUCED."

2. KINOSHITA WONDERED IF THE STATEMENTS IMPLIED A NEW US POLICY IN
FAVOR OF IMPORTING OIL AND GAS WHILE KEEPING OUR OWN SUPPLIES IN
THE GROUND FOR THE FUTURE. HIS CONCERN IS UNDERSTANDABLE, GIVEN
THE EFFECT THAT THIS MIGHT HAVE ON JAPANESE ACCESS TO INCREASINGLY
Dwindling supplies of oil.

3. OUR RESPONSE WAS GENERAL AND SPECULATIVE, AND WE'RE NOT SURE
THAT KINOSHITA WAS SATISFIED. HE INDICATED THAT HE PLANNED TO
RAISE THE SUBJECT WITH BOSWORTH IN PARIS NEXT WEEK. WE'D BE
INTERESTED IN DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE.
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